

A meeting of the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority was held at 04:00 PM on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at McAlester Regional Health Center in the Administration Board Room. Public notice, set forth there on the day, time, and place for this regular meeting, was delivered to the office of the City Clerk at 12:24 AM on March 23, 2026.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Christopher Beene, MD ~ Johnny Zellmer, MD ~ Brent Grilliot ~ James Bland ~ Damon Mascoto.

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:** Marti Fields, Janet Wansick


**HOSPITAL STAFF:** Julie Powell ~ Sonya Stone ~ Destanie Wilson

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

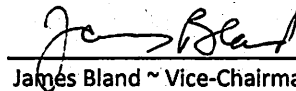
**CALL TO ORDER:** Christopher Beene, MD, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

**Consideration and discussion of execution and delivery of the ED Provider Contract:** Julie Powell reported that on March 1, 2026, MRHC received a 90-day notice from OSU Emergency Providers Group of their intention to terminate their agreement with MRHC. This created a need to quickly find emergency room provider coverage. Administration reached out to four companies. Two proposals were received, and two stated they did not have the bandwidth to provide service to this area. IES and Premier Physician Staffing2 were among the two proposals considered. Both companies were vetted, and the financial impact was very similar in cost. IES reported that their predominant responsibility is to service their current accounts, and MRHC may have to pay for a lot of locum coverage. Premier Physician Staffing2, a former affiliate of MRHC, has grown its company, and the references they provided were very favorable. Ms. Powell reported that in her conversations with Premier, she made known that she is not interested in paying locum coverage, and she expects premium services for the premium cost associated with the agreement. Discussion occurred regarding the details of the three-year agreement, staffing, and associated costs. Ms. Powell's recommendation to the Board is to engage with Premier Physician Staffing2, and she added that the agreement has a 90-day without-cause termination provision. A motion was made (Bland) and seconded (Zellmer) to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Premier Physician Staffing2 and give Julie Powell the authority to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board as presented. The vote was taken as follows: **Aye:** James Bland, Damon, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilliot, and Christopher Beene, MD. **Nay:** None. **Absent:** Marti Fields, Janet Wansick. **Abstain:** None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made (Zellmer) and seconded (Grilliot) to adjourn the meeting at 1:19 PM. The vote was taken as follows: **Aye:** Johnny Zellmer, MD, Brent Grilliot, James Bland, Damon Mascoto, and Christopher Beene, MD. **Nay:** None. **Absent:** Marti Fields, Janet Wansick. **Abstain:** None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.



Christopher Beene, MD ~ Chairman



James Bland ~ Vice-Chairman

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